

INTERIM SUMMARY OF THE
U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION/U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
TECHNICAL EXCHANGE PROPOSED RESPONSES TO
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEEDS ON THE QUALITY ASSURANCE
REQUIREMENTS AND DESCRIPTION, REVISION 17
FEBRUARY 10, 2005
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

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During opening remarks NRC staff stated that this was a Category 1 meeting and that there would be opportunity at the conclusion of the meeting for public comments and questions. NRC staff also stated that the NRC would, upon receipt from DOE, review the formal responses to the NRC AINs on QARD, Revision 17, and that none of the comments or discussions during the Technical Exchange should be interpreted to indicate a complete review of the QARD, Revision 17, or of the proposed responses to the AINs.

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